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Applicant(s): Jolvanovic

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 23, 2004, please amend this application as follows:

In the Drawings:

Figure 1 has been amended to include the reference 'Prior Art.' A proposed modified Figure 1 is attached hereto. A formal Figure 1 will be provided upon indication of acceptability of this modification by the Examiner.